

Center Harbor Broadband Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 4, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: At 11:05 a.m. the meeting began. Harry Viens, Gregory Himes, Bernie Volz and Tony Scotto were present.

AGENDA REVIEW: This meeting was dedicated to discuss (1) the Selectman's letter, (2) review technology options and (3) discuss any other topics to progress high-speed Broadband deployment across the Town of Center Harbor.

MEETING MINUTES: Mr. Hines motioned to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2022 Broadband Committee as presented to the members electronically. Mr. Volz and Mr. Scotto seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CENTER HARBOR SELECTMAN'S LETTER: The Center Harbor Selectmen sent a letter the third week of August to New Hampshire Electric Coop. This letter demonstrated Center Harbor's support of the New Hampshire Electric Coop broadband initiative.

REVIEW TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS: The spectrum of technology choices remains unchanged and are referenced on the Town of Center Harbor's website. We agreed that the Federal Government's definition and recognition of 100MB download and 20MB upload is what we will use as the definition of "broadband".

DISCUSSION OF OTHER TOPICS:

- NHEC work in Grafton County was paused awaiting the disposition of a specific grant. Grafton County was prioritized by NHEC as a result of the high percentage of residents who are either un-served (no internet) or under-served (the internet they have is less than the aforementioned broadband specification). West Center Harbor will benefit from the Grafton County buildout because the substation that feeds Grafton County feeds West Center Harbor.
- NHEC will be focused on Grafton County for 12-18 months – until approximately September 2023 to March 2024. This timeline dictates we should research, pursue and try to secure grant money in the next 9 months. Doing this would present Center Harbor to NHEC as a Town to be prioritized for broadband.
- We agreed we would independently research grant opportunities and meet again in September. At that meeting we will compare notes on our respective independent findings and begin to prioritize those Grant opportunities that are worth pursuing.
- Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 15 2022 at 10am.

ADJOURNMENT: At 12:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Scotto

Secretary

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